

**REMARKS:**

Consideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

The amendments to the specification are made for purely formal reasons. The amendments to the specification include references to the SEQ ID NOs. of sequences identified in the application. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

A Sequence Listing and a diskette containing the listing in computer-readable form are submitted herewith. A Statement of Compliance under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) stating that the Sequence Listing and the content of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing on the enclosed diskette are identical is also submitted herewith. The Sequence Listing complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.823 and does not introduce any new matter.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above deposit account for any deficiency.

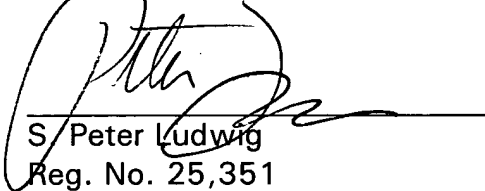
## CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment and remarks in the file history of this application. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be examined on its merits and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Early and favorable consideration of the enclosed diskette and this paper are earnestly solicited.

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